



Home visits play an important part in ensuring your child's transition into school is a positive and happy experience for the whole family. A home visit takes place in your home by school staff that will include your child's new class teacher. These visits are planned following acceptance of a place at the school. They enable a two-way partnership to be formed with the home and school to support a smooth start and successful school experience for your child.

Supporting your child

Children may often act differently in their home environment. A home visit provides the teacher with an excellent insight into understanding your child's interests and what they like to do. It is an opportunity for your child to get to know the teacher on a one to one basis and establish a trusting relationship. This then helps with your child settling in by knowing a familiar face on their first day. The main aim is to help your child settle and become happy and relaxed at school as quickly as possible.

Supporting you

Staff recognise that parents may feel anxious about their child starting school. The home visit will provide you with an opportunity to speak about any concerns, ask questions and to talk about your child in the comfort of your own home. It is perfect opportunity to find out about how you can regularly share information between yourself and school.

What to expect

- Your child's teacher and a member of staff will come to your home at a time that has been confirmed with you
- They will bring some small items from the classroom to share with your child. This may include a book of photos, some toys, books or a soft toy
- The format may consist of one adult in conversation with you and the other adult getting to know your child. They may play with your child and encourage them to show their favourite things at home
- If you provide permission, the teacher will take a photo of your child to use in the setting
- The teacher will provide some information about the routine of the day and recap on important dates, drop-off and collection times.
- They will ask you if you have any questions or if you would like to share any relevant information about your child
- The meeting will last for approximately 15-20 minutes

We hope you enjoy your visit and thank you for allowing us into you home